

# Summerside Cosmetic Pesticide Ban Defeated

## Mayor Bill Martin disappointed by pesticide vote

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A motion before Summerside council to ban the use of some lawn care chemicals was defeated Monday night, and the process for a new bylaw in the P.E.I. city was started.



Summerside Mayor Bill Martin campaigned on a cosmetic pesticide ban. (CBC)

The debate went on for more than an hour before the motion was voted down.

But another motion was put on the floor and passed. It will see the development of a public education campaign around alternative products, and following that campaign a new bylaw.

Mayor Bill Martin was disappointed. A big part of his election campaign was getting some kind of ban through.

*"Decisions are made by council, you need to respect that. True democracy recognizes that you're not always going to get your way,"* said Martin.

*"I supported and continue to support a ban on cosmetic pesticides. I think the way the process has unfolded and is unfolding will likely see that happen, but probably a year later than I would have liked to have seen it."*

In the original motion the ban would have come into effect in March 2016.

In the new plan the educational component will take most of next year and a will have a bylaw drafted by September that could go into effect by March 2017.

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**Norah G Fon**

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### Only on PEI

It has become too easy to buy things to kill weeds and pests without putting in much effort. What happen to using boiling water on weeds? Cheaper then round up and safer for children and pets.



### Norah G Fon

TO ONLY ON PEI -- CHILDREN ARE SAFE WITH PESTICIDES ! Pest control products represent NO threat to children since they are scientifically-safe and will cause NO harm. There is no need for screeching-monkeys like yourself to recklessly conspire to impose arbitrary prohibition against pest control products used in the urban landscape. Leading scientific experts, like Dr Katherine von Stackelberg, say they would NOT hesitate to let their children play on a lawn where lawn care products have... » more

jenybee

Shame on our government (again). The studies have already been done. All of Ontario and all of Quebec have put a law in place. The simple changes needed are easily available. There are many ways to detoxify the pesticide sprays used. Why all the decision-making delays?



### **Norah G Fon**

TO JENYBEE --- EPA, Health Canada, and other science-based national regulatory agencies have clearly demonstrated that pest control products used in the Urban Landscape are LESS TOXIC THAN Aspirin, baking soda, caffeine, cannabis, nicotine, table salt, and Tylenol. Additionally, these products are NO MORE TOXIC THAN ethanol ( an edible beverage constituent in beer, wine, and other intoxicating beverages ), mouthwash ( Listerine ), and Vitamin C. These pest control products are scientifically-safe, practically non-toxic, will cause NO harm, will NOT cause cancer, and will NOT cause irreversible damage if consumed orally. The probable lethal dose for a person ingesting the concentrated form of many of these products is ONE LITRE, the volume of an entire milk carton. By comparison, drinking SIX LITRES of water, a fluid that is seemingly harmless, can lead to water poisoning or dilutional hyponatremia, which is a potentially fatal disturbance in brain functions. In essence, water is only FIVE TIMES SAFER than many of these products. Pest control products are SCIENTIFICALLY-SAFE, and will NOT CAUSE HARM TO PEOPLE, ANIMALS, OR THE ENVIRONMENT.<http://wp.me/p1jq40-7HR> <http://wp.me/P1jq40-2ha> <http://wp.me/p1jq40-5ni>

### **Laptop Lady**

Just another stall tactic. I'm ashamed of our gov't in this province. Are they not there to serve the people? The people want a ban. Where is the difficulty? Effin, politicians not doing their job again.



## **Norah G Fon**

TO LAPTOP LADY --- WE KNOW THE MAJORITY DO NOT WANT PROHIBITION BECAUSE OF LEGITIMATE POLLS. These polls clearly demonstrate that the public does not want this #@!!% ban nonsense. In 2011, a BC poll conducted by Canadian Consumer Specialty Products Association ( CCSPA ) showed that the vast majority of residents are opposed to a proposed prohibition against the use of conventional pest control products, and they actually favour the continued use of these products around their homes and in public green spaces. <http://wp.me/P1jq40-2bo> In 2011, an Ontario poll showed that the public rejects pesticide bans, and more than half of Ontario residents believed that the provincial government did not do the right thing by imposing an arbitrary pesticide ban. Ontario residents would rather have the ban scrapped or modified. <http://wp.me/P1jq40-3kB> In February 2013, Canadian Association Of Agri-Retailers ( CAAR ) said there is questionable public support for prohibition against the use of pest control products. <http://wp.me/p1jq40-6tT> In February 2013, a poll conducted by Winnipeg Free Press showed that 60 per cent of the public were opposed to prohibition. <http://wp.me/p1jq40-6ii> In fall 2012, professional lawn care businesses and clients sent to Manitoba government officials the results of a petition with 2,500 post-cards opposing a proposed prohibition, which was overwhelming opposition to anti-pesticide activists who had a mere 1,000 signatures supporting prohibition, with most signatures originating from outside Manitoba. <http://wp.me/p1jq40-5fL>

## **luc3ky**

Don't understand why they couldn't pass a ban AND start an education program at the same time.

## **sugarpei**

How discouraging. It's very apparent that some people really don't care about the environment or the health of their families, especially their children. This shows lack of foresight and lack of intelligence. This mindset about having the perfect lawn is ridiculous. We don't use pesticides of any kind on our property and we don't water our lawn. We have Hosta in flower beds which doesn't need watering. Mayor Martin, don't give up on this as you are doing the right thing, trying to get pesticide ban enforced.



**Norah G Fon**

TO SUGARPEI --- We have NO objection to YOUR choice of life-style, which, in this case, is a clear preference to live in an environment that looks like a garbage dump, just like Ontario. However, we DO object to the imposition of YOUR choice on the majority of the community that DOES NOT want to live in this manner. The reckless and arbitrary imposition of Ontario's pesticide-hating prohibition was not in the best interest of health and environment. And, sadly, Ontario's prohibition left a trail of economic carnage and garbage dump green spaces. There is no dispute that Ontario's prohibition was 100 per cent politically-based and 0 per cent science-based. It is a recognized fact that prohibition is unnecessary since pest control products are Health-Canada-approved, federally-legal, scientifically-safe, practically-non-toxic, and cause no harm. NO ONE WANTS TO LIVE IN #@!!% DANGEROUS AND PEST-INFESTED URBAN LANDSCAPES THAT LOOK LIKE GARBAGE DUMPS !<http://wp.me/P1jq40-44g> <http://wp.me/p1jq40-7C4> PESTICIDE BANS HAVE NEVER MADE OUR GREEN SPACES LOOK SO #@!!% UGLY !<http://wp.me/P1jq40-4z3>



**Rog Gordon**

Educational component? Give me a break. This issue has been around long enough. The Precautionary Principle adopted by the Supreme Court in 2001 states that when there is an element of doubt about the safety of pesticides, legislative bodies should err on the side of safety to protect its citizens. That said, at least there's some hope on the horizon, but it's too bad that people in Summerside will be exposed to these toxic chemicals for yet another year.



**Norah G Fon**

TO ROG --- The Supreme Court NEVER made such a statement ! Moreover, the sacred so-called precautionary principle is also known as the do-nothing principle. Those that do nothing need not worry about ever taking a risk or ever making a mistake. The precautionary principle was intended for use where science DOES NOT EXIST. Unfortunately, the precautionary principle is MIS-USED TO SERVE THE AMBITIONS of Environmental & Anti-Pesticide Fanatics such as yourself. <http://wp.me/P1jq40-2qM>



### **André Darville**

Mayor Bill Martin was disappointed. A big part of his election campaign was getting some kind of ban through. Well Sir, if this is true, may I suggest your staff and all the union staff driving around – the long way – all day, too look about (especially the one in passenger seat) take notice when a sign goes up, then check if persons, within city limits was notified further than the immediate block they sprayed in!



### **leatweasels**

Good move as its a provincial issue and trying to enforce it when simple laws are not being enforced is a no brainier.99% of pesticides are used by farmers which are located within city boundaries so unless you touch that "sacred cow", leave homeowners alone.....great move!!!!



### **Norah G Fon**

TO LEATWEASELS --- Yayyyyyyyyyyyyyyy !

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